



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held December 2, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Ridley-Thomas made the following statement:

"Prior to its closure on August 15, 2007, the hospital at Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center (MLK) provided essential emergency and inpatient medical care to the South Los Angeles community. The hospital previously provided an average daily census (ADC) of approximately 255, and 72,000 emergency room visits and 156,000 outpatient visits in 1994-95, to an ADC of 153 and approximately 42,000 emergency room visits and 164,000 outpatient visits in 2005-06. Since the closure of MLK, the facility has functioned as a multi-service ambulatory care center (MACC), providing non-life threatening care in the urgent care center, and general medicine care in the outpatient clinics.

"The loss of hospital services in South Los Angeles has had a profound impact on this community where there continues to be a critical need. The hospitals' closure resulted in increased emergency and inpatient services at surrounding County and private hospitals. As a Los Angeles County Supervisor, my top priority will be to reopen MLK. MLK has a long history in the County of Los Angeles and the people of South Los Angeles need and deserve first-rate health care. We need to ensure that when the hospital is reopened, we have a hospital in place that will ensure the delivery of first-class health care.

"The current inpatient facility requires seismic retrofit, which is estimated to cost \$210 million and take approximately four years to complete. In addition, once seismically retrofit, the current inpatient facility will need to be replaced by 2030. In contrast, the new patient tower is seismically compliant and can be built-out to meet the inpatient needs at less cost and more quickly, and it would not need replacement for a longer period of time. It is imperative that the County move forward expeditiously with development and implementation of a plan to restore these services to the South Los Angeles community."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Public Works and Interim Director of Health Services were instructed to take the following actions:

1. Develop a plan, including cost estimates and schedule, to conform the existing campus facilities or construct new facilities, to include an initial phase to provide a 120 licensed bed inpatient hospital, emergency room, multi-service ambulatory care center, and any necessary hospital support services; and
2. Report back to the Board in 60 days with a cost estimate and schedule.

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